

This Office Action is in response to the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on December 26, 2007.

Status of Claims

Newly submitted claims 1 and 13-34 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: product claims have been changed to method claims.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1 and 13-34 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.